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SUBJECT: OGLE CASE

REFS: A. SECSTATE 275482 B. SECSTATE 277525

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO DECEMBER 20 TO REITERATE USG'S CONCERN AND REGRET OVER DEPORTATION OF US MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE. AMBASSADOR REPEATED POINTS MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB TO ROK AMBASSADOR HAHM (REF A), AND DREW ON LEGAL TALING POINTS (REF B) IN REGISTERING OUR CONCERN OVER FACT THAT OGLE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE KAL PLANE IN TOKYO. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT OGLE CASE ALREADY RESULTING IN HEAVY FLOW OF BAD PUBLICITY FOR KOREA IN US AND THAT DEPORTATION MORE HARMFUL TO ROKG THAN PERMITTING OGLE TO REMAIN. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER EXPULSIONS OF US MISSIONARIES.

2. FONMIN MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON CASE, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT OGLE HAD SIGNED STATEMENT AT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAD ENGAGED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ALLEGEDLY LED TO DEPORTATION. HIS MAJOR POINT ON TOKYO AIRPORT INCIDENT WAS THAT ROKG AND USG SHOULD NOT GET INTO LEGAL ARGUMENT OVER ISSUE. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED ROK HAD NO LEGAL BASIS FOR ITS ACTION.

3. COMMENT: FONMIN'S LACONIC RESPONSES PROBABLY REFLECT
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ROKG DESIRE THAT ISSUE NOW FADE AWAY. GOVERNMENT MAY BE

PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO TRY TO COUNTER SOME OF BAD
PUBLICITY HERE AND IN US WITH ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS OF
OGLE'S ALLEGED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING RELEASE OF SIGNED MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE DOCUMENT.
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